

REMARKS

Receipt is acknowledged of the Office Action mailed 7 April 2004.

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-9, 18-27, 30-36, 38-43 and 45-67 are pending in the application; claims 1-9, 19-24, 30-34, 36, 38-41, 43 and 45-47 are allowed; claims 18, 26-27, 35, 42, 48-52, and 57-62 are rejected; and claim 25 is objected to.

By this Amendment, claims 18, 25-27, 35, 42 and 48-67 are canceled. Accordingly, all claims rejections have been overcome and should be withdrawn.

A favorable Action on the merits is solicited.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and remarks, applicants respectfully request that all objections and rejections be withdrawn and that a notice of allowance be forthcoming. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for applicants at 202-912-2111 for any reason related to the advancement of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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